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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LI, KN, KS, UNGA

SUBJECT: KOREA AT UN

1. KOREAN AMBASSADOR YUNG KYU KANG, RESIDENT ABIDJAN, CALLED ON ME SEPTEMBER 26. HE HERE TO ARRANGE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS AS NOW ACCREDITED TO LIBERIA. KANG AT TIME OF CALL HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ARRANGE CEREMONY AND WAS AFRAID HE WOULD HAVE TO DEPART LIBERIA WITHOUT PRESENTING CREDENTIALS AS HE HAS FIRM COMMITMENT IN TOGO FOR END THIS WEEK.

2. KANG HAD HOWEVER BEEN ABLE HAVE MEETING WITH ACTING FONMIN OKAI AND HAD GONE OVER SOUTH KOREAN POSITION WITH RESPECT RESOLUTIONS PENDING BEFORE GA. AFTER OUTLINING TO OKAI GENERAL KOREAN SITUATION, KANG MADE THREE MAJOR POINTS: (1) SOUTH KOREA REQUESTS GOL SUPPORT CONTINUING PROGRAM FOR UNIFICATION, (2) REQUESTS GOL CO-SPONSOR QTE FRIENDLY UNATE RESOLUTION, AND (3) REQUESTS GOL VOTE AGAINST QTE COMMUNIST UNQTE RESOLUTION.

3. KANG SAID OKAI APPEARED INTERESTED, EVEN SYMPTATHETIC, BUT REFUSED MAKE ANY COMMITMENT. IT HAS IMPRESSION GOL WILL PROBABLY NOT RPT NOT SERVE AS CO-SPONSOR BUT WILL VOTE FOR  
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FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND AGAINST OTHER. ACTING DCM ASKED HIM IF

LIBERIAN CO-SPONSORSHIP CONSIDERED VERY IMPORTANT BY HIS GOVERNMENT. KANG REPLIED IN AFFIRMATIVE SAYING AS YET NO WEST AFRICAN COUNTRY HAD AGREED CO -SPONSOR AND HE FELT, ALTHOUGH HE UNSURE, NO AFRICAN COUNTRY TO DATE HAD AGREED. COUNSELLOR MOON, WHO ACCOMPANIED HIS AMBASSADOR, VOICED HIS OPINION LIBERIANS AT RECENT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE HAD DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN QUESTION OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS BUT WOULD RATHER VOTE AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY. SOME DISCUSSION OF "BLOCK VOTING" ENSUED WITH KOREANS AND OURSELVES HOPING LIBERIA WOULD NOT BE SWAYED BY THIS CONCEPT.

4. KANG DISAPPOINTED HE UNABLE MEET WITH PRESIDENT, TO WHOM HE HAD PLANNED MAKE STRONG PLEA FOR SUPPORT DURING PRIVATE MEETING WHICH FOLLOWS CEREMONY. HE EXPRESSED OPINION ONLY PRESIDENT COULD MAKE FINAL DECISION, TO WHICH I THOROUGHLY AGREED,

5. KANG, WHOM I REMEMBER WELL FROM SAIGON DAYS, IS TENACIOUS AND EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT. IF HE GETS CHANCE TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT PRIOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTE, I HAVE NO DOUBT HE WILL MAKE STRONG, EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION. NEVERTHELESS DANGER REMAINS LIBERIANS MAY NOT WISH ACT IN MINORITY IF IT APPEARS MAJORITY AFRICAN STATE WILL NOT VOTE IN FAVOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

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